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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following two documents were cited in an Official Letter recently issued by the German Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application.

A copy of the Official Letter is enclosed. An English-language translation of the Official Letter is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

German Patentschrift No. 198 46 031. This document corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,065,804.

German Patentschrift No. 39 16 546. An English-language abstract of this document is also attached.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, a copy of the listed U.S. patent is not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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